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Title: **PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A  
STANDARDIZED NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED  
COMBUSTIBILITY**

SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  
and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$590.00 be credited to Deposit Account  
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